

# "Will you wake up today, big bro?"

Noticing changes in his older brother from the harmful effects of drugs, Gabriel pens letters with the words he wished he had the courage to say.



August 19, 2021

Hi big bro,

Guess what? I finally made it into the school's basketball team! During the final try-outs today, I imagined you out there on the court with me. You were always the better player and I tried to be a little like you. Well, at least, the "you" before everything changed. These days, even five minutes on the court leaves you out of breath.

I wish you could have been there.

July 12, 2023

Hey there big bro,

We make choices every day. I wonder what it would have been like if you had chosen to say "no", to turn away from the "friends" who never had your best interests at heart, to refuse to take the very substance that did so much damage to your mind and body. I wonder why you felt like you needed to take drugs to fit in.

When we received the call from the ambulance that you were involved in a car accident from driving under the influence of drugs, we were frozen in fear. Mum and Dad are devastated.

Will you please finally wake up today?

February 23, 2022

Dear big bro,

How can a person change so much in a year? Last night, I woke up to see you screaming and shaking, hiding in the corner of our room. You were always the most outgoing in the family, but now you're always anxious and never step out of the house. You barely talk to anyone. Not even me.

It's like I don't even know you any more.

October 5, 2022

Hey big bro,

Didn't see you at my graduation ceremony last weekend. Wonder if you had forgotten? I know your memory isn't what it once was and maybe you prefer hanging out with those friends that always seem to behave weirdly. But I was really looking forward to seeing you. I think we all were.

Mum and Dad gifted me the latest video game that we've wanted for a long time. Would have been nice to play it with you.

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